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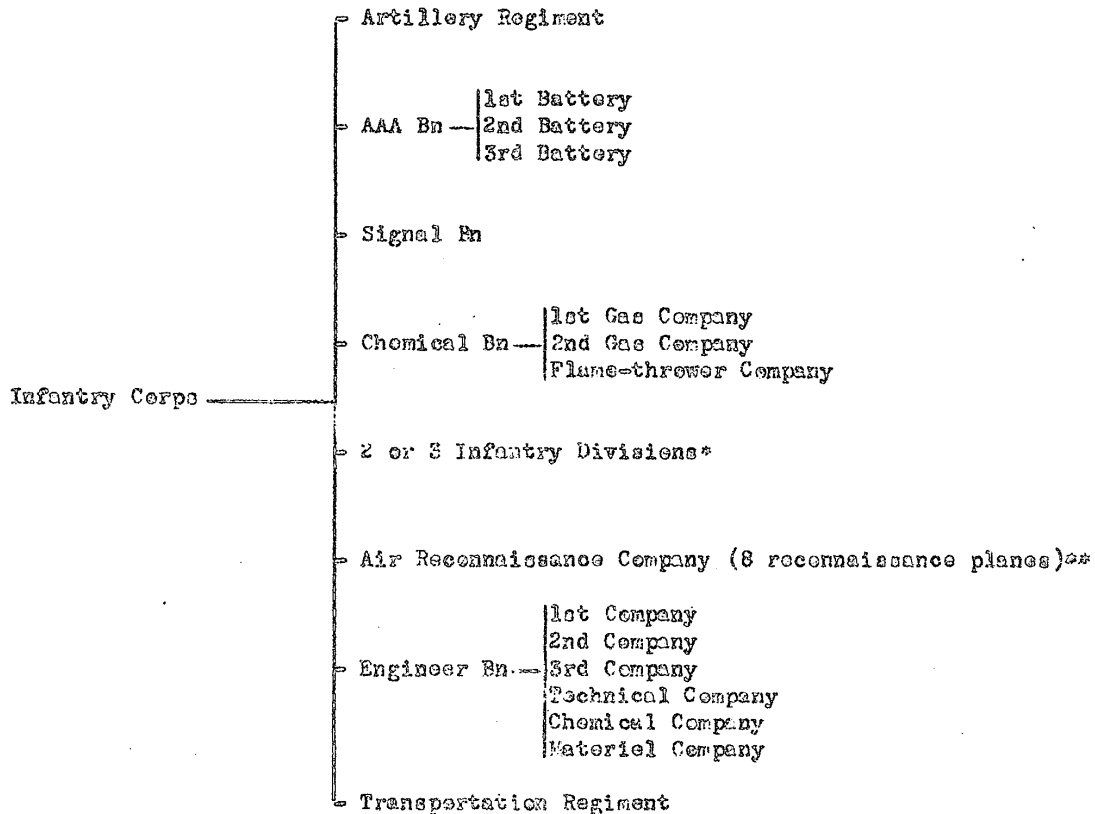
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SOVIET ARMY ORGANIZATIONA. INFANTRY UNITS1. T/O, Infantry Corps

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Comments:

reports that an infantry corps normally is comprised of three or more infantry divisions. lists two to four divisions under a corps. 25X1

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** Neither lists an air reconnaissance unit as a component of the infantry corps.

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2. T/O, Infantry Division

Infantry Division —

- Artillery Regiment —
 - 1st Bn
 - 2nd Bn
 - 3rd Bn
 - 1st Field Arty Battery*
 - 2nd Field Arty Battery*
 - 12 cm. Howitzer Battery*
- AAA Battery —
 - 1st Bat** (Each battery is equipped with 4x76mm AA guns and 4 AA MGs.)
 - 2nd Bat**
- Signal Bn*** —
 - 1st Signal Company
 - 2nd Signal Company
 - 3rd Signal Company
 - Radio Company
- Engineer Company**** —
 - 1st Platoon
 - 2nd Platoon
 - 3rd Platoon
- 1st Infantry Regiment
- 2nd Infantry Regiment
- 3rd Infantry Regiment
- Tank Bn***** —
 - 1st Light Tank Company
 - 2nd Light Tank Company
 - 3rd Light Tank Company
 - Reconnaissance Platoon
- Reconnaissance Bn (or Cavalry Troop) —
 - *** Motorized Infantry Company
 - **** Cavalry Troop
 - **** Armored Company
- Air Reconnaissance Section (3 reconnaissance planes)***
- Rear Echelon

Comments:

- * [] the arty regt attached to an inf div carries 3 bns, each composed of 2 troops equipped with 76.2 mm field guns and one troop equipped with 122mm howitzers. Thus it appears that these units should be listed as components of each of the 3 bns rather than as additional units.
- ** -Sic; platoon? However, 4 AA guns and 4 AA MGs appear to be too heavy for only a platoon.
- *** [] the divisional signal bn represents simply a reorganization and renaming of the former signal company, with platoons as components.
- **** -Reported [] as a battalion composed principally of a sapper company, a technical company, and an engineer park. Also reported as a battalion in []
- *****-Neither [] makes any mention of any tank units as components of infantry divisions.
- *****Neither [] lists an air reconnaissance unit as a component of the infantry division.
- *****See bottom of next page.

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3. T/O, Infantry Regiment

	- Cavalry Platoon*	
		1st Rifle Company
		2nd Rifle Company
	- 1st Infantry Bn -	3rd Rifle Company
		Heavy Machine Gun Company
		Heavy Weapons Company
	- 2nd Infantry Bn	(Same as 1st Infantry Bn)
	- 3rd Infantry Bn	(Same as 1st Infantry Bn)
	- Artillery Battery -	1st Platoon
		2nd Platoon (6 pieces)**
		3rd Platoon
Infantry Regiment	- AA Platoon	(4 AA MGs, mounted on motor vehicles)
	- Signal Company	
	- Engineer Platoon	
	- Chemical Platoon	
	- Medical Platoon***	
	- Band	
	- Rear Echelon	

Comments:

* -This may be the mounted reconnaissance platoon mentioned [] as a component of the infantry regiment. 25X1

** -Under infantry regiment, [] mentions an AT gun company consisting of three platoons equipped with two horse-drawn AT guns each. Personnel of this company consists of artillerymen. It also lists a mortar company of three platoons with two truck-drawn 120mm mortars each, which also is composed of artillerymen.

***-Reported [] as a company, but totaling only 33 men.

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***** It was reported [] that the usual reconnaissance unit for a division is only a company of about 80 men, believed to be organized into a cavalry unit and a cyclist and motorcyclist unit.

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B. CAVALRY UNITS1. T/O, Cavalry Corps

Cavalry Corps —

- Armored Brigade
- AAA Bn — 1st Battery (4 x 76 mm AA guns per battery)
2nd Battery
- 1st Cavalry Division
- 2nd Cavalry Division
- 3rd Cavalry Division
- Signal Battalion — 1st Signal Company
2nd Signal Company
- Independent Chemical Battalion (or company)
- Air Reconnaissance Company*

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Comments:

* The occurrence of an air reconnaissance unit of company strength under both cavalry corps and cavalry division does not seem likely. Either the unit assigned to the division should be listed as a section or that assigned to the corps should be listed as a battalion. Compare with air reconnaissance units under infantry corps and infantry division. [] lists a reconnaissance battalion under the cavalry corps and a squadron under the division, but these apparently are ground rather than air units.

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** [] the cavalry corps carries an AA automatic weapons regiment, with 16 AA MGs and 16 AA guns.

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2. T/O, Cavalry Division

Cavalry Division ————

- Cav Howitzer Regt* — Cav How Bn —
 - 1st Troop
 - 2nd Troop
 - 120mm Howitzer Troop
- Engineer Company**
- Signal Company***
- Chemical Platoon**
- 1st Cavalry Regiment
- 2nd Cavalry Regiment
- 3rd Cavalry Regiment
- 4th Cavalry Regiment****
- Armored Regiment**
 - Armored Car Co (16 vehicles)
 - Amphibious Tank Co (16 tanks)
 - Light Tank Co (10 tanks)
 - Anti-tank Co
 - AA Platoon (4 x 45mm guns)
- Air Reconnaissance Company*****
- Rear Echelon

Comments:

* This may be the artillery/mortar regiment mentioned in [] which controls three troops of guns and two of mortars without the intermediary of a headquarters at battalion level. []

** Described [] as squadrons.

*** Described [] as a squadron and in [] as a half-squadron.

**** [] list only three cavalry regiments per division.

***** [] the cavalry division does not normally carry an armored regiment. This may mean that the above T/O is that of a mechanized cavalry division. In any case, the organization and equipment of the armored regiment given here do not agree with those []

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3. T/O, Cavalry Regiment

	- 1st Troop*	
	- 2nd Troop*	
	- 3rd Troop*	
	- 4th Troop*	
	- Heavy Machine Gun Squadron	1st Troop 2nd Troop 3rd Troop 4th Troop
Cavalry Regiment	- AA Platoon	
	- Cavalry Howitzer Troop**	
	- Artillery Battery (rifle class) (4 pieces)	
	- Engineer Platoon***	
	- Communication Platoon***	
	- Chemical Platoon***	
	- Band	
	- Rear Echelon	

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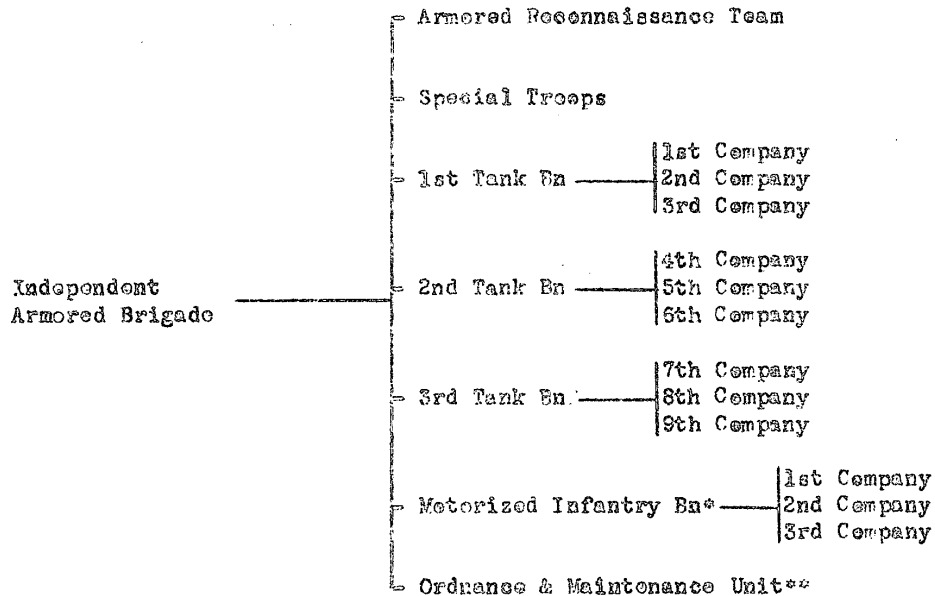
- * -Should read "1st Squadron", "2nd Squadron", etc.
- ** -This is probably the "infantry-gun troop", equipped with short-barrelled 76.2mm guns, described [] under cavalry regiment.
- *** -Described [] as troops, but actually nearer the strength of platoons. [] agrees that they are platoons.

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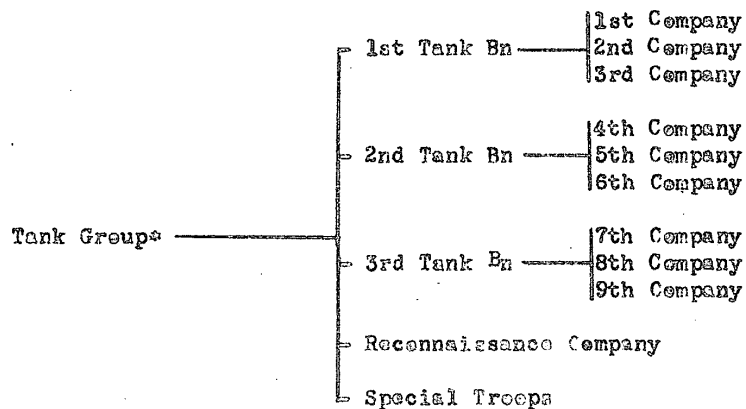
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C. ARMORED AND MECHANIZED UNITS1. T/O, Independent Armored Brigade*

Comments:

* -Probably motorized SMG bn.

** -Given in [] as a company.

2. T/O, Tank Group *

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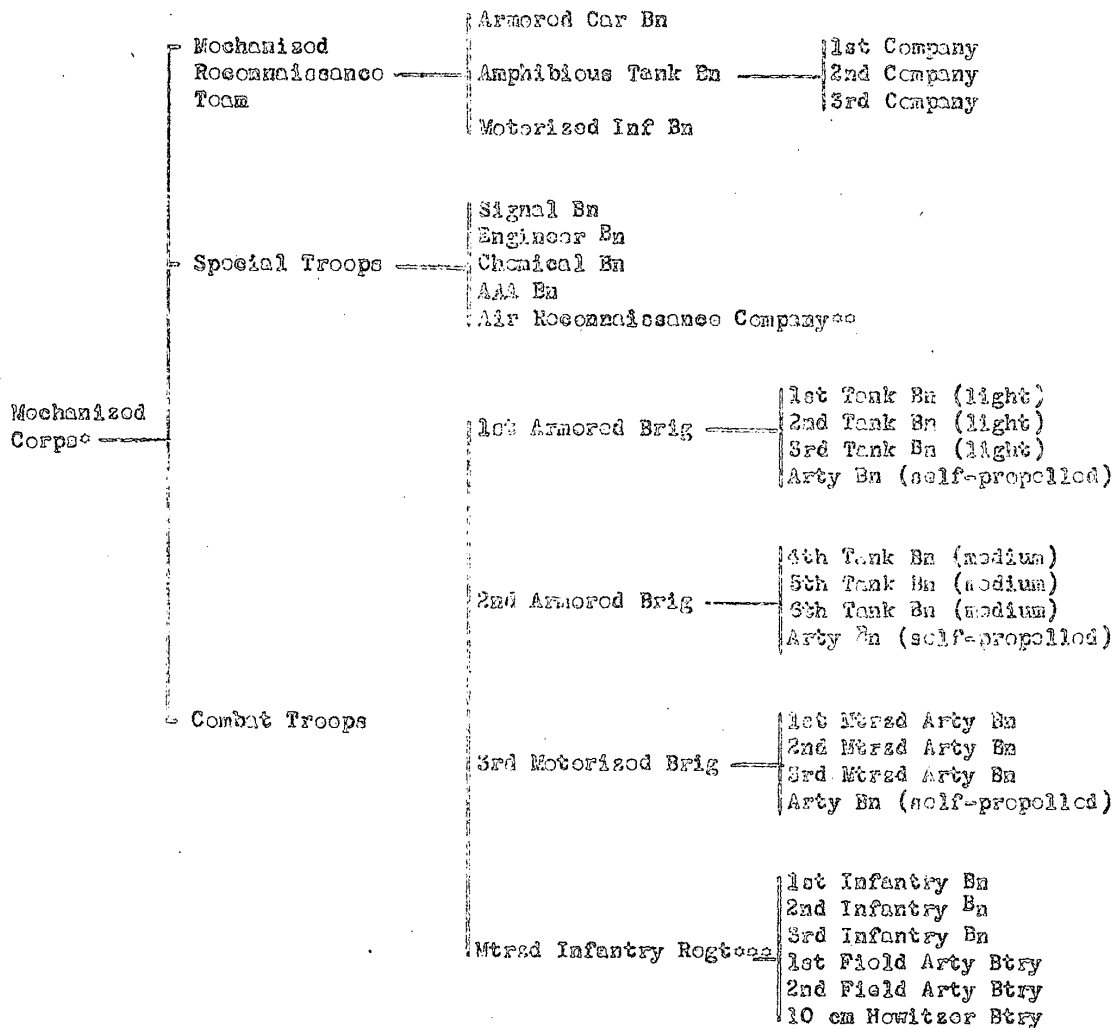
* -This unit does not resemble any known standard tank formation. Its components are too large for it to be a tank regiment, and it lacks the motorized SMG battalion and other units typical of the armored brigade.

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3. T/O, Mechanized Corps*

Comments:

- * -This T/O does not agree at all with the description of the mechanized corps [redacted] nor does it agree with the description of the armored corps, although it resembles the armored corps more closely than it does the mechanized corps.
- ** -Neither [redacted] lists an air reconnaissance unit as a component of the mechanized corps.
- *** -Reported as motorized artillery regiment, but apparently an infantry unit. However, its organization is more like that of the artillery regiment given on page 2 than that of the infantry regiment on page 3.

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